

The mission of the Indiana Master Naturalist program is to bring together natural resource specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils and wildlife and promote volunteer service in local communities.

Participants gain new knowledge of Indiana's plants, wildlife, geology, and geography, meet other Hoosiers with similar interests, and make connections with local natural resource people and places.

You are welcome to participate in this course solely to expand your own knowledge and appreciation of Indiana's natural resources.

However, we encourage you to take it one step further and become officially certified as an Indiana Master Naturalist. To achieve this certification, you must:

- Attend and participate in at least 9 of the 11 classes.
- Complete a minimum of 33 hours volunteer work with a local/state natural resources agency, or conservation-oriented non-profit organization, within one year of course completion.

Individuals who achieve the certification receive a Certificate of Completion, Indiana Master Naturalist Pin, and a one-year subscription to the Indiana Master Naturalist Newsletter.

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Friday January 13 -
November 10, 2017
Southeastway Park

Presented and Sponsored by
Indy Parks and Recreation
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Registration Information

- Registration deadline is January 6 at 5 p.m.
- Cost is \$90/ individual full payment is due at time of registration. Alumni may attend classes for their training hours at \$10/session
- Space is limited to 30 people.
- To register, you can call Southeastway Park office at 317-327-4834 or stop by the office at 5624 S. Carroll Rd, New Palestine
- Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday- Friday

Class Schedule

Classes are 6:30-9:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring a meal or snack with you, since this may be your dinner time.

Portions of each session may be conducted outside, weather permitting. Please bring appropriate outerwear.

January 13

Intro to Indiana Master Naturalist and Course Overview

Frank Rouse
Southeastway Park Staff

February 10

Indiana Geology

Todd Thompson and Polly Root Sturgeon
Indiana Geological Survey

March 10

Maple Syrup and Tree ID

Chris Martini and Frank Rouse
Southeastway Park Staff

April 14

Indiana Birds

Brian Cunningham
Wild Birds Unlimited

May 12

Insects

Erica Schneider
Holliday Park Staff

June 9

Indiana Wildflowers

Mike Homoya
INDNR Nature Preserves, Botanist

July 14

Odonates over Indiana

Tom Swinford
IDNR Nature Preserves

August 11

Astronomy

Bill Conner
Indianapolis Astronomical Society

September 8

Wetlands

Julie Farr
Marion County Soil and Water District

October 13

Mammals

Jennifer Boyce
Eagle Creek Staff

November 10

Indiana Archaeology

Dr Rick Jones
Retired IDNR Div. of Historic Preservation and
Archaeology